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Title: FLUE GAS CONVERSION APPARATUS AND METHOD☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 15☒ Declaration: Date Signed: 12/29/99☒ Drawing(s): Nr. of Sheets Enc.: (In Triplicate): Formal: _____ Informal: 3☐ Small Entity Declaration Of Inventor(s) ☒ SED of Non-Inventor / Assignee/Licensee☐ Assignment; please record and return; recordal fee enclosed.☒ Check for \$ 385.00 for:☒ \$ 385.00 for filing fee (not more than three independent claims and twenty total claims are presented).☐ \$ _____ Additional if Assignment is enclosed for recordal.☐ Return Receipt Postcard Addressed to Applicant #1.☒ **Request Under MPEP § 707.07(j):** The undersigned, a pro-se applicant, respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that Applicant's present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for applicant.

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Title: "FLUE GAS CONVERSION APPARATUS AND METHOD"

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